Dear Dennis and, 11/27/96

Earl Slater is a successful businessman who got interested in my work and came to see me. He lives in a suburb of Baltimore, Ellicott City. He is anxious to be helpful and has been in many ways. Twice he has cleared his schedule to come and take us to Johns Hopkins. That means a trip here from Baltimore, a trip back to Baltimore, and another trip home from here. The first time it was for the entire day. I had three consultations that time.

He is deeply concern about what all of this means to the country. He is reading Waketh and it scares him. He has been reading the other books and is impressed by them. He has them all plus a copy of Hosty's Pudding.

I've forgotten the nature of his connection with one of the partners in Goldberg, Hodes and Strouse Communications. It is a public relations firm and from its offices obviously successful. Goldberg is the president and CEO. He was to have seen us several times and had to postpone them. Yesterday we were to have been there in the morning and that had to be delayed until lunchtime. None of us had lunch. Goldberg had a medical appointment he could not again delay. He returned directly from that. We were there about 12:30 and it was close to dark when we left. I was astounded that the head of a high-pwoered outfit like that would take an entire afternoon for this but he did.

We were in high style yesterday. Not only in such a swanky office but we went there and returned in the fancier of the two Lincolns I've seen Earl drive and have ridden in.

We talked quite a bit and he asked many questions. He is trying to get a handle on what he can do to help. It is for that reason that he wants to see what he can see of Inside. He was also impressed by what Senator Russell Dissents represents and he took a copy of that from Earl to read. He has read or skimmed Whitewash and was impressed by it. He also has Case Open - he adopted Earl's and I've replaced it. If he wants more he'll get it!!

Yesterday was a long day and it's tired me but I was so excited by the willingness of this man to be helpful and the time he gave us to explore how he might be once I was awake I could not return to sleep so before I leave home I'll tired. I'd intended writing more than this when I dashed off the note and sealed the envelope that I'll now open to insert this in. My last stamp until today's mail comes with more and I want this to go out then. But if you have any questions please ask and if there are developments I'll keep you posted. Thanks and best,

Harold